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SULLY COUNCILLOR HITS OUT... 'Barrage would be disaster for area'

by LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

A LOCAL councillor has warned of an impending "disaster" for the community of Sully – should the proposed Severn Barrage project, linking Lavernock Point and Somerset, ever be constructed.

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, has reportedly instructed officials to look into plans to build a £30 billion-plus barrage across the River Severn.

It is claimed the project could bring 20,000 jobs to the Vale, and supporters, led by Neath's Labour MP Peter Hain, claim the scheme, which reports say will be backed by funding from Kuwait and Qatar, could provide five per cent of the UK's electricity.

Corlan Hafren is the consortium behind the revived proposals.

However, there is opposition from local

councillors, as well as wildlife groups, who claim it would damage the habitat of sea birds who use the estuary.

Sully councillor Kevin Mahoney is vehemently against the proposals. He maintained: "It is an absolute disaster. We would have to suffer 16 to 17 years of the heaviest construction traffic, and then be left with a high-way splitting the community in half."

"Mr Hain knows that he can't guarantee one job for the area, due to the number of workers tendered in the EU."

The Vale Council's operational manager of development control, Marcus Goldsworthy, told The GEM: "The council has not yet been consulted on any proposals relating to a proposed Severn Barrage, but would hope to be involved in any future discussions, should

the project progress.

"A development of this magnitude would have to pass significant planning and other regulatory hurdles and any planning application for the project would be considered and determined by the National Infrastructure Planning Office of the Planning Inspectorate. "As part of this process, the Vale Council would expect to play a significant role."

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'Excellent' results for GCSE students



Pupils at Bryn Hafren School were among those celebrating!

Picture by IAN DIXON

COUNCIL education chiefs have praised pupils and staff for "excellent results" in last week's GCSEs.

Of all the papers sat in the Vale, 24.5 per cent were A* or A grades, a figure which matched the previous year.

Looking at grades A* to C, 69.8 per cent of all results were in that band, which represented a decrease from 70.2 per cent the previous year.

There was a marginal increase in A* to G grade passes, which are 98.8 per cent this year, compared to 98.7 in 2011.

The Vale Council cabinet member for children's services, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "Our

schools and pupils have delivered excellent results at GCSE level and maintained our high standards.

"The council is proud of everyone's hard work and I'm sure that both pupils and parents appreciate the efforts of teaching staff across the coun-

ty. I wish all the pupils continued success for the future."

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Lucy Dickenson – a joy and inspiration to all who knew her'

Lucy Dickenson, the inspirational young woman from Barry, who founded a charity and devoted her life to helping people across the globe, died last week in a car crash in Zambia.

Lucy was just 32 years old, but in her short life she left a legacy that will continue for many years to come.

She founded the SAFE Foundation in 2007 to help provide grants and materials to relieve poverty in developing countries.

From her experience of working in countries such as Uganda, Rwanda and Mongolia, she had discovered that remote or small projects had difficulty getting mainstream aid – that was where the foundation, which she ran with twin sister Hannah, stepped in.

SAFE Foundation projects are on-going in a number of countries

including Uganda, Cambodia, India, Ghana and the UK.

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Report by
**TIM
CHAPMAN**

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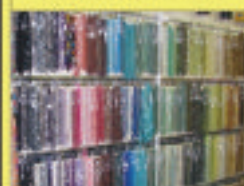
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Show worthy of the West End!

IWENT to see *Fame Jr: The Musical* at the Barry Memorial Hall on Wednesday, August 23, and it was absolutely fabulous!

Christian Bullen, director and choreographer of 'Superstars In The Making', has demonstrated his enormous gift for putting on a wonderful show.

The main cast were Ethan Whitcombe, Kirstie Fox, Rhian Neil, Lewis Norman, Louise Hall, Chalieise Ludvigsen, Jodi Bird, Joseph Mees, Millie Van-Emden, Luke Edwards, Laura Owens, Ruby Hartery, Lewis Gulliver and Rhys Lloyd, with 40 other talented performers who made up the chorus.

Each and every one

brought their own unique gifts and talents to bring the characters alive, to such an extent that the audience were taken on an exciting and emotional journey, which led to the cast being given a standing ovation after the performance.

It was the best show that I've seen in years; it was so good that I recommended it to family and friends, who travelled from Cardiff and Cwmbran to see the show.

The show was so impressive, it was most people's opinion that it was worthy of being shown in the West End!

Well done, and congratulations to Christian Bullen and all of his 'Superstars In The Making' for a wonderful show!

Bev Griffiths, Plymouth.

'Be responsible for your rubbish'

UNLIKE the writer of last week's letter on 'refuse vultures', I am more than happy for the new wardens to 'stalk' potential litter louts and irresponsible dog owners.

I only wish they could do it in plain clothes

rather than high visibility uniforms. Neither do I agree that the answer is more bins and street cleaners, which only adds to our council tax bills.

People should take responsibility for their own rubbish and take it home.

Ron Powell, Barry Island.

Remembering the 'hut people'

IN the immediate post-war years, with many Nissen huts suddenly being declared surplus to requirements, it was common for otherwise homeless families to occupy them, often making them into neat little homes for many years, while awaiting improved accommodation.

I know of instances of such occupations occurring in disused huts on Barry Island (on the

future site of Butlins) and at Llandow, where the last couple left their hut in March 1979 (34 years after the Second World War!)

Do any other GEM readers have memories or photographs of these post-war living arrangements in the Vale of Glamorgan?

It is an interesting area for research, my own interest being in the RAF locally.

Christopher Short, Barry. (Ex:RAF Regiment)

Get in touch and let us know what you think about local issues...

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Faces that bring back memories of yesteryear



IHAVE read with interest, the recent GEM article submitted by Mac Wilcox, concerning Barry's Olympic celebrations of yesteryear.

I visited Mac Wilcox at his residence in St Nicholas and discussed with him my research project 'The History of Gladstone School, Barry'.

Like Mac, I am an old boy of the school, but from an earlier era. Mac has kindly let me have on loan his original photo (above), previously published in The GEM.

In my research discussions with several 'Old Gladstonians', we have now come up with quite a few names to place with faces. The photo was taken after the annual Secondary School Sports Day at the Athletic Ground, Barry Island in June 1951.

Mac recalls that there were several lads who did not live in the immediate catchment area of Gladstone School.

Apparently, a bus would leave Barry and travel down Five Mile Lane, then via St Nicholas, The Downs, Culverhouse Cross, St Fagan's and Peterston-super-Ely, picking up boys and girls on the way and then return to Barry.

The boys were dropped off at Gladstone School and the girls at Holton School. The journey back home was enjoyed more than the one to school.

On behalf of The 'Old Gladstonians' I now offer these further names to put to the faces:

Back Row: (unknown), David Williams, (unknown), (unknown), Stan Eveleigh, Ken Chamberlain, Brian Adams, Brian Everitt, Paul McAuley, Davis Saif, (unknown).

Middle Row: (unknown), Ossie Fahiya, Brian Ankara, Malcolm Bowen, Graham Wells, Fred Svenson, Bev Harrison, J Greenway, Gwyn James, (unknown), Brian Lloyd, John Watkins, (unknown).

'Fed up' with the EU regulations

IGUESS, like a lot of people, I am getting really fed up with the rules and regulations that we have to put up with from the EU.

I really wish the UK Government would show some guts and start sticking up for the people of this country.

We now have a situa-

tion where they want more bins for more items to be recycled separately. They have also threatened councils with heavy fines if they don't comply.

Who on earth do they think they are?

They are unelected parasites who should be told where to stick their rules and regulations.

DJ Radford Barry

Front Row: Tony Evans, (unknown), Jimmy Condict, David Hurman, Billy Harris, (unknown), Brian Foster, Gareth Motton, Mac Wilcox, Trevor Holmes.

John Chucas,

Barry

FOOTNOTE: Can you help with the final few names to put to the faces in the photograph? If so, contact The GEM the help put the final pieces in to the jigsaw.

Eisteddfod choir member's thanks

MAY I, through your letters page, say a huge thank you to all those involved in this year's National Eisteddfod at Llandow in the Vale.

I would especially like to thank Eleri Roberts and Euros Rhys Evans: I joined the Eisteddfod Choir early in 2011 and attended rehearsals at Tabernacl Chapel, Barry until the week of the Eisteddfod.

Eleri and Euros worked tirelessly to prepare us for an amazing weekend on the maes -

from the Saturday evening concert to the Sunday morning service and, finally, the wonderful Gymnast Ganu.

I am not a Welsh speaker (although my two daughters are) but I am able to read and pronounce the Welsh words, even though I do not always understand them.

This has been a wonderful experience for me, as I am sure it was for the other members of the Eisteddfod Choir.

So, thank you once again, Eleri and Euros, and all the accompanists at rehearsals - as well as others involved in the whole amazing journey. (Name and address supplied)

Praise for the organisers

IMUST compliment the Eisteddfod organising committee for a smooth non-intrusive event at Llandow.

I note that the attendance was said to be 140,000, spread over the week, but how many of the daily attendance were repeat visitors?

How many were resident outside the immediate south Wales area? How many of the visitors were 'Eisteddfod virgins'? Just curious.

John Owen, Cowbridge.

POWER OF A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

IWONDER if your readers realise just what power a letter to the Editor has?

Newspapers (including The GEM) recently printed my letter seeking those who had served in the Royal Navy, at the massive 197-acre Shore Establishment HMS Collingwood at Fareham in Hampshire.

The plan is to reunite with old shipmates through the HMS Collingwood Association, possibly meeting up again at one of the reunions we hold every year, or even joining one of the visits to HMS Collingwood to see the changes.

Well, they came out of the woodwork - which was what was hoped for - as I doubt if there is a single hamlet or village in the UK, which has not had someone serve there, since it was commissioned in January 1940, and up to the present day.

The power of my letter to the Editor has even brought responses from those who volunteered their services back in World War II, to serve for the duration of the present conflict, as it was expressed on their service documents.

Lots of them wondered how many of their trainee shipmates survived the war.

Take the 91-year-old sister of one of those killed when a bomb dropped on an accommodation hut in 1943, killing 31: He had been

in the Royal Navy for only 17 days and under early stages of training; the cook who met the Wren in the Pay Office and has now been married to her for 54 years; the daughter of one of the captains who was challenged when she tried to ride her horse through the main gates.

After the war, HMS Collingwood became the home of the Radio, Radar and Electrical Branch and the cooks, pay clerks and stores personnel, were now providing administration for those under technical and practical training for the Electrical Branch, and subsequent derivatives.

Many of the latter return to HMS Collingwood, on a number of occasions for courses linked to promotion.

Any reader who didn't see my first letter, or put it to one side to be dealt with later and would love to swing the lamp again, can contact me, at 7 Heath Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 8PG or on mike.crowe1@btinternet.com (that is crowe number 1) for either the HMS Collingwood Association or the Royal Naval Electrical Branch Association. When did you serve and who are you looking for?

Knowing the power of the press, and the response from letters to the Editor, I look forward to receiving many interesting topics, and the prospect of reuniting many shipmates.

Mike Crowe, Isle of Wight.

Tennis highs

IWAS delighted to read last week about the continued success of Dinas Powys Tennis Club's annual charity tournament.

As a long-standing member of the club, I'd like to add my congratulations to all involved and to thank Chris Bevan for his enormous contribution to this wonderful event, which has raised so much money over the years for many worthwhile causes. Gerwyn Williams, Dinas Powys.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
30 Thur	06.11	9.3	18.35	9.7
31 Fri	07.00	9.5	19.17	10.0
01 Sat	07.37	9.7	19.58	10.1
02 Sun	08.14	9.8	20.33	10.0
03 Mon	08.51	9.9	21.06	9.8
04 Tues	09.21	9.7	21.38	9.6
05 Wed	09.52	9.3	22.11	9.2
06 Thur	10.21	9.2	22.41	8.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Gibbonsdown is to launch area's new 'Splashpad'!



ABOVE: Gibbonsdown youngsters will enjoy the new water play area at Pencoedre Park.

A new 'Splashpad' is being opened in Pencoedre Park this Friday, August 31.

So why are local youngsters getting so excited, and what is a Splashpad?

Phil Beaman, the operational manager parks and grounds maintenance at the Vale Council, explained that it will be a water play area on a non-slip surface.

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

He explained: "In September 2011, Gibbonsdown Residents Board formally registered their expression of interest to apply for Barry Regeneration Area funding to carry out improvements to Pencoedre Park.

"Since that time council officers have been assisting the

board in the delivery of a number of improvements at Pencoedre Park, the main one being the Splashpad.

"This has involved converting the existing paddling pool into a Splashpad, which is an area for water play on a non slip surface that has no standing water and is fully accessible for wheel chairs.

"There are ground nozzles that spray water upwards with other water features that spray water downwards in random patterns.

"These can be dismantled and stored over the winter period. The water is recycled through a treatment facility that has been constructed on site."

Molly Conway, the Gibbonsdown Residents Board, chairperson, welcomed the facility as a further boost for youngsters in the area.

There have been delays in construction due to the poor weather of late, but the board is officially opening the site on Friday at 11.30am.

Sully fears on barrage

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Coun Lis Burnett, who represents a Penarth ward, and is the cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, added: "The council would obviously want to explore any project or initiative that offered the levels of renewable energy or jobs suggested by the various media reports."

Peter Jones, conservation policy officer for the RSPB, told The GEM: "We can't really comment until we see the plans, but we're sceptical that it meets the environment's needs. We hope the plans are made available sooner rather than later, as we need to highlight our concerns about the local habitat."

"We want to see Severn tidal power harnessed as a sustainable energy alternative to fossil fuels, but it has to be done in a way that doesn't harm the environment or wildlife."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said

that she recognised the potential benefits of the proposals, but also called for feasibility studies to be carried out to gauge the environmental effects.

She told The GEM: "All reasonable options need to be considered in meeting Wales' and the UK's growing power needs - increased energy efficiency, renewables, all have a role to play."

"The huge tidal range in the Severn estuary could be a source of carbon-free electricity over a very long term, providing significant benefits locally in jobs, practical skills and supply chain."

"I also recognise that the estuary is important for its special environmental features, and the potential impact on these must be considered in the assessment of different technologies for harnessing the energy of the tidal range."

Peter Hain promised that local jobs would be created and that the project would be of benefit.

He said: "I will be insisting local jobs, both skilled and construction, will be prioritised."

"It will be the biggest investment in Wales' history and the Vale should be proud that something so iconic, that helps us meet our green targets and that will pull in much-needed investment, will be here."

"I understand people's fears, but full discussion with local people and environmental groups will be held going forward."

"This is a win-win!"

Lucy's legacy for the future

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The staff of the Safe Foundation issued a statement late last week on its website which read:

"It is with such deep sorrow that we have to share the terrible news of Lucy's passing following a car accident in Zambia on Monday, August 20.

"We want to say thank you to everyone for showing their love for Lucy and giving their support to the Dickenson family."

"The SAFE Foundation is one of the legacies Lucy has left behind."

"Hannah and we will strive to continue the wonderful work in her honour."

"We will update with details of the funeral for anyone wishing to come to pay their respects and to celebrate Lucy's incredible life."

"She will be so very greatly missed by us all..."

In her many journeys throughout the world, compassion for the people she met was foremost in her mind as Professor Stephen Tomlinson, the chairman of Vale for Africa, told The GEM: "Lucy and the SAFE Foundation worked together with Vale for Africa as partners."

"Lucy was a trustee of Vale for Africa and I



ABOVE: Lucy Dickenson and sister Hannah performing at Barry Waterfront in 2009.

have known her from the beginning of our partnership four years ago.

"She was a joy; she brightened up any room she entered."

"She was truly inspirational and cared deeply for the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged, especially children in Africa and Asia."

"She died while helping those in most desperate need in Zambia."

"However, I shall remember her as she was - very special, giving me a huge, delighted, happy hug at the annual Goldstar Awards Ceremony just a month ago, after we had both received commendations on behalf of our charities, the SAFE Foundation and Vale for

Africa."

Professor Tomlinson added: "Lucy's legacy is our responsibility. "We should celebrate her life and achievements and must ensure her work continues."

Lucy's interests included music - she and Hannah performed as the band Amber Hour - dance, history and walking.

But it is as an inexhaustible campaigner against world poverty that she will be remembered, not only in Barry, and Cardiff where the SAFE Foundation is based, but across the developing world.

For information on the SAFE Foundation, please go to: www.the-safefoundation.co.uk

CCTV arrests

POLICE made eight arrests and nine ASBO referrals in the last week, as a result of information provided by the CCTV monitoring team at the Vale Council.

The team contacted the police on 46 occasions during the week ending August 26.

On August 21, one person was arrested over a public order offence; three were arrested concerning affray and one other was arrested for alleged assault on August 23.

On the same day police arrested one person following an affray and allegedly possessing an offensive weapon.

On August 23, CCTV operators helped police find a missing person. Police made nine ASBO referrals on August 24. One person was arrested for being drunk on August 25 and on the same day police made an arrest concerning arson.

Prom's novelty cone vanishes!

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information to locate a missing four-foot plastic ice cream cone!

The novelty cone, valued at £200, was stolen from outside The Beach Hut shop on the Promenade at Barry Island.

It was taken sometime overnight on Saturday, August 18 and the distinctive markings included red sauce!

Anyone with information on the cone's whereabouts is asked to kindly contact police in Barry on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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'Speak out on the Cemetery Approach'

I WANT to remind readers that the Vale Council is consulting about project ideas for the open space at Cemetery Approach until September 7.

The council has delivered leaflets to some local residents and has a link on its website so people can take part. I'm also told you can telephone if you do not have internet access.

Please take this opportunity to express an opinion about the future of this very attractive entrance to the cemetery.

Jeffrey Heathfield, FocusBARRY supporter.

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CELEBRATIONS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE AS THE STANDARDS CONTINUE TO RISE



ABOVE: High achievers Daniel Woolford, Jahn Hartland and Calum Grant are looking forward to taking A-Levels.

BARRY Comprehensive School pupils are looking forward to progressing to the sixth form or developing their careers in the outside world following a successful set of GCSE results.

One student who was agonising as to whether to stay on and take A-Levels or take up a new job offer was Alex Parker.

Alex explained: "I've decided to join BMW as a trainee service advisor on Penarth Road in Cardiff."

"I've got a strong passion for the motor industry and will be starting in two or three weeks' time when the paperwork comes through."

For Alex it was a difficult decision to make, but the opportunity with BMW was just too good to pass up on.

Alex explained: "My ambition is to work up to management levels."

A number of pupils were hoping to stay on and study in Barry Sixth Form which is run jointly by Barry Comprehensive School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School. Students register at the school that takes responsibility for their particular course.

John Miles was thrilled with his results. "I've done better than I expected - I kept thinking about the results and was losing sleep."

"I got an A* in mathematics, As, Bs and Cs, and only one D in RS."

Among the A-Levels John is planning to take are mathematics, geology and engineering. "I'm hoping to eventually take a course in civil engineering at Cardiff University."

There was relief too for Rhys Edwards.

"I've done very well - I got two A*s and four As. I want to take A-Levels in geology, geography and computer studies."

"What I'd like to do is take a course in geology at Cardiff University. Eventually, I'd like to work abroad."

Conor Noyes was pleased with his exam results, but will decide over the next few days as to what subjects he wants to take forward.

"I'm happy - I did well. I'm thinking about what A-Levels I want to take."

Jahn Hartland passed 11 GCSEs with four A*s and three As.

"I'm really happy with the results and I'm going to take A-Levels in mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics."

Jahn plans to go to university, but will make a decision over the next couple of years as to what course he would like to study.

Calum Grant was relieved that the long wait was over.

"The results were really good. I was petrified, but I couldn't have wished for any better."

Calum hopes to take a French degree at university and has decided



Alex Parker is starting a new career with BMW.

to take A-Levels in business, politics, history and French.

Daniel Woolford, achieved 13 GCSE grades, six of them A*s, along with the intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate which is equivalent to four GCSE grades at C to A*.

"I got a B in physics - the rest were A to A* including mathematics which was a big surprise."

Daniel is interested in a career in the media and among the A-Levels he is planning to take are English literature and English language.

Rhys Deans' ambition is to go on a university course in the media and theatre.

"I've done well and got an A, three Cs and a D plus. I now want to go on to the sixth form."

Among the A-Levels Rhys will take are theatre studies, media, and ICT.

A total of 72 per cent of students at the school gained five or more A* to C grades, with more students achieving good grades in maths and English.

Other students who achieved top grades included: James Lofthouse, who achieved twelve GCSE grades (10 at A*) and the intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate which is equivalent to four GCSE grades at C to A*; Samuel Thompson, who achieved twelve GCSE grades (seven at A grade and two at A*) and the intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate which is equivalent to four GCSE grades at C to A*; and Thomas Stoneman, who achieved 11 GCSE grades (six at A*).

Barry Comprehensive School's acting headteacher Jennifer Ford said standards had continued to rise.

"I am delighted with the number of students gaining good grades in English and maths, as well as students achieving in a very wide range of academic and vocational subjects."

"This would not be possible without the continued commitment of our staff, teaching and non-teaching, who really do go the extra mile for our students."

"We also need to recognise the support of parents at this very critical time. There is a real cause to celebrate in Barry and I hope families and their young people take time to celebrate well deserved success."



ABOVE: Vincent Saunders discussing his excellent results with drama teacher Mrs Ellis



The early arrivals were keen to find out how they had done.



School staff handing out the exam results envelopes to the youngsters.

Rhose boys' sponsored bike ride for charity



Jack, Charlie, Ethan, Jake and Chris cycled around Rhose Point for charity.

TEN-year-old Jack Johnson, and his friends Charlie, Ethan, Jake and Chris, thought of, arranged and carried out all by themselves a sponsored bike ride around Rhose Point for charity.

They covered the distance between Rhose and the Olympic Stadium in

London, which is approximately 253km. They worked extremely hard and did very well, and the parents very proud of their enthusiasm. Well done boys!

They raised £300 which will go towards equipment, like goals and footballs, at Rhose FC under-11s team.

Natalie Johnson



ABOVE: Stephen James and Rhys Edwards congratulating each other on their results.



ABOVE: Rhys Deans being congratulated by his dad Dennis and his three-year-old sister Jaimee.



ABOVE: John Miles is celebrating his impressive set of GCSE results.



ABOVE: Mitchell Scott and Jacob Berg proudly display their excellent results.

LOCAL MP THANKS THE GEM FOR BACKING VALE FAMILY'S FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Dad, daughter (and buggy) are on the road again!

CARDIFF race organisers, who had 'health and safety' concerns about a local dad running with his daughter in a buggy, have had a rethink.

Lyn Thomas raises money for the CF Trust on fun runs, and takes along 18-month-old Nancy, who has cystic fibrosis, to inspire her to run in the future and for the health benefits it provides her.

Two weeks ago, The GEM reported how Lyn

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

and Nancy had already completed the TATA Cardiff Bay earlier in the year without any mishap, but the organisers of 10k events in Cardiff and Swansea said they had safety concerns.

Vale MP, Alun Cairns, thanked The GEM for helping to publicise Lyn and Nancy's frustration which has now ended in them being able to continue their charity-raising efforts.

Organisers of the Cardiff 10k and the

Cardiff Half Marathon have said 'dad, daughter and buggy' are welcome!

Lyn said: "I wanted to thank The GEM for being so supportive of my campaign to be able to take part with Nancy in these local fun runs and races across south Wales."

The solution has been for Lyn to start near the front of the field so he isn't having to negotiate a route with the buggy route through the larger number of slower runners.

ners.

He explained: "I've now been accepted for both Cardiff races and will be able to discuss my starting position with them so that it falls in line with my run times."

"It means that I won't have to try and steer Nancy and the buggy around the slower runners. That could, of course have been considered a risk."

"Exercise is not just important for Nancy, it is imperative to keep her lungs healthy, and may prevent her needing a lung transplant at a relatively young age and extend her life."

"I am determined to give her every opportunity to enjoy running, first as passenger and hopefully as a runner when she is a little older."

And there has been even more good news for Lyn.

"I've also had six other people from Llantwit contact me asking if they can join the 'Running with Nancy' team which is fantastic and will help raise even more money for the CF Trust."

Lyn is now hoping that an agreement can be struck with the organisers of the 10k race in Swansea.

Alun Cairns had taken the matter up with race organisers himself.

Mr Cairns pointed out: "While running last year's London Marathon, I was overtaken regularly by many people dressed in the most elaborate costumes."

"Some people were chained together and others were running in tandem. It is difficult to believe that someone pushing a buggy, is such a health and safety threat."

Mr Cairns said restricting Lyn and Nancy's runs at a time when the Olympics and Paralympics were enthralled the nation was hardly the best timing.

He added: "I was delighted to hear that both the Cardiff 10k and Cardiff Half Marathon organisers are now happy to accommodate the request for Lyn and Nancy to run with a buggy in their events this autumn."

"Lyn is determined to share the enjoyment of running with Nancy to help alleviate some of the symptoms of her condition, and to raise money for charity and help change attitudes towards cystic fibrosis."



Two weeks ago, Lyn and Nancy's charity raising runs looked in danger, but following an intervention by local MP Alun Cairns, and publicity in The GEM race organisers have reached an accommodation with Lyn.



ABOVE: Mr Cliff Lewis with Coun Les Sword.

Award for town council stalwart

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, recently presented an award for 25 years service to Cliff Lewis, on behalf of Barry Town Council.

Mr Lewis started his career with the town council on August 10, 1987 and over the past 25 years has held a number of positions within the council.

He has broken a record in the town council as the longest serving senior officer in the history of the council.

Prior to working at the council, Mr Lewis worked at the Vale Council for two years before transferring.

The Mayor presented Mr Lewis with a watch. Mr Lewis was also joined by a number of council staff for the presentation.

No plans for the demolition of old school buildings

NO decision has yet been made on what will happen to the former St Cyres School site in Dinas Powys.

In recent weeks, there has been speculation in the village that the buildings were set for demolition.

However, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, has stressed that no decision had been arrived at yet concerning the future of the site.

Coun Moore said: "I'm aware that there have been rumours that the building is about to be demolished, but no

by TIM CHAPMAN

such decision has been made.

"The building has been boarded up to protect it for any future use that it might have."

The St Cyres comprehensive school in Penarth is to be part of the £48 million Penarth Learning Community development - but the property in Dinas Powys is not part of the plans.

As part of the process involving the 'learning community', St Cyres School has switched from 'foundation' status to

'community' status.

It meant the Vale Council had to take full responsibility for the Dinas Powys site.

Coun Moore explained that the council would be considering whether it had a use for the buildings and, if not, the next step would be to declare it "surplus to requirements", leading to consultation with the wider community and interested parties before a final decision is made on its future.

The Penarth Learning Community plans are likely to be considered by the council next month.

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Heading for Dinas Powys, Older People's Commission roadshow...

THE Older People's Commission for Wales recently began its 'Commission Roadshow', aiming to engage with older people in a diverse range of groups in communities across Wales.

As part of the roadshow, the commission will be holding information days around Wales. The first information day was held at the Murchfield Community Centre in Dinas Powys on August 13.

Kelly Davies, communications and engagement manager at the commission, said: "We received a warm welcome from the people we met in Dinas Powys and it was great to meet representatives from Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, who provide valuable support to older people in the community.

"We heard about a new befriending scheme launched in association with The Big Lottery and the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

"The scheme aims to help reduce feelings of loss and isolation through developing a

social network in the community.

"Schemes like this provide an invaluable service and a great deal of support for older people, reassuring them that they are not alone and helping them maintain their independence and stay active."

Coun John Fanshaw, chairman of DPVC, said: "Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern volunteers have been helping elderly residents overcome isolation and loneliness in our community through our Good Neighbour Scheme, our minibus/ambulance (escorted shopping trips and transport to community events); and through our Big Lottery-funded Befriending project.

"We anticipate working with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales and others, including the WRVS, Llandough Hospital and our local authority, in identifying and helping local residents who could benefit from the support which DPVC volunteers willingly and cheerfully offer".

BRYN HAFREN CELEBRATES 'BEST-EVER' GCSE RESULTS

PHOTOGRAPHS
by IAN DIXON

PUPILS at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School have celebrated achieving the best-ever GCSE results in the school's history.

The results mark eight years of year on year improvement, having improved from 41 per cent in 2004 to over 72 per cent this year obtaining five or more A* to C grades.

Headteacher Phil Whitcombe was "delighted" by the pupils' achievements and praised the dedication of his staff, the hard work of his pupils and the support of the parents.

The performance was exceptional and significantly exceeded targets set for the school by the Local Authority.

The school said it confirms the recent highly positive inspection report which praised the outstanding choice of subjects at GCSE Level which allows pupils to follow an exceptionally wide variety of courses to suit their needs.

The Key Statistic were: five or more A*-C 72.4 per cent five or more A*-G 94 per cent.

More pupils are achieving 10 or more good grade GCSEs in 2012 than achieved five good grade GCSEs in 2004.

Over 40 per cent of pupils obtained eight or more higher grade GCSEs, and 12 per cent of pupils obtained 12 or more higher grade GCSEs.

No registered pupil of the school left without recognised qualifications

Mr David Noble, the chair of governors, was delighted with this year's results and commended the school pupils and staff for their dedication and hard work.



Cween on the Island!

QUEEN tribute band 'Cween' are to play Barry Island Sports and Social Club on Saturday September 1 (11 Redrink Crescent, Barry, CF62 5TT).

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St Richard Gwyn's record GCSE results

ST RICHARD GWYN Catholic High School has achieved its best results ever, thanks to the hard work of all the students and staff at the school.

The students achieved 81 per cent A*-C grade. The school is especially pleased with the performance of the boys, as they exceeded expectations.

Every student will be leaving St Richard Gwyn with a qualification.

The top performers were Jessica Caterston, who achieved 11A*; Donna Thomas 8A* and 3As; Theresia James 8A* and 3As; Katie Collins 6A* and 5As and Rosie Ashman 6A* and 5As.

The assistant head-teacher Mrs Burman said: "This is the first full cohort to follow the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification at the school and thanks must be given for the support and guidance of all the staff, especially the learning coaches."

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT 'End the appalling wait for urgent cancer treatment'

FIGURES published last week, show that waiting time targets for urgent cases of suspected cancer have been missed again in Cardiff and the Vale and across Wales.

Sadly, delays in treatment are issues that all too regularly crop up in my constituency surgeries.

These new figures highlight that only 89 per cent of patients started treatment within the target time-frame of 62 days in the three months to June 2012.

It is worrying that the 95 per cent target has not been met once since Carwyn Jones became First Minister in 2009.

I'm only too aware that when someone is told that they have cancer, the waiting to begin treatment is a frightening and distressing time for patients and their families.

Starting treatment promptly is critical to the patient's prospects for a successful outcome.

Cancer patients are less likely to get the latest drugs, here in Wales which are routinely available in England, in the absence of a cancer drug's fund.

The BBC reported last year that 22 new drugs prescribed regularly in England are not routinely available in Wales, and the Rarer Cancer Foundation reported that English patients are five times more likely to get cancer drugs than their counterparts in Wales.

Welsh Ministers need to speed up the implementation of the All-Wales Cancer Action Plan and work with Local Health Boards to allow patients to begin treatment more quickly.

The Health Minister also needs to listen to the concerns of cancer patients and drop her opposition to a cancer treatments fund, which would end the postcode lottery in access to vital life-extending cancer drugs.

This appalling situation also needs to be taken in the context of a commitment by the UK government to grow its health spend in real terms over this parliamentary period, while the Labour administration in Cardiff Bay plans to cut health spend by 8.4 per cent in real terms by 2015.

The reduced spending level also has to fund free prescriptions for everyone – rather than the usual exclusions for pensioners, children, benefit claimants and to finance free hospital parking.

Earlier this month, I met with Cowbridge-based Prostate Cymru founder Ray Murray, and pledged



**Vale MP
Alun Cairns**
reports to
GEM readers

my support for their campaign to help create Wales' first robotic urological surgery facility.

I was aghast to hear that if you are a prostate patient in England and want robotic surgery – then you're likely to get it free on the NHS – but for men in Wales, it's not available on the Welsh NHS! Currently if patients in Wales want this treatment, they have to pay privately and go to England.

In April, I backed calls for national standards of care, calling on anyone with direct or indirect experience of the disease to feed back on The Prostate Cancer Charity's draft standards.

Prostate Cymru has launched its Operation Robot campaign to raise £1.7m to fund the establishment of Wales' first specialist Robotic Urological Surgery facility. It would be at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff and be available to patients across Wales.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK, which is why I believe it's essential we know exactly what people affected by the disease require can expect from our health service.

Men everywhere deserve quality prostate cancer care, and I will do all I can to ensure this is possible for us in Wales. It's important that the Welsh Government work closely with their colleagues in England to develop, implement and invest in prostate care in Wales, so that patients here can get the best care and support.

You can find out more at www.operationrobot.com

MRS MOTIVATOR POINTS THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE VALE

AT a Business Breakfast meeting at the Vale of Glamorgan Show in the grounds of Fonmon Castle last Wednesday, Vale Council leader, Neil Moore and cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, Coun Lis Burnett, asked guests for their views on the future of the area's economic development.

The Vale Council has historically hosted an

event at the Vale Show to maintain ongoing relationships within this key sector.

In the 'Vital to the Vale' event, representatives from a wide range of businesses, including the Vale Resort, Marco's Café, Task Force Skirmish Paintball and Seabreeze Homes took part in the discussion, with guest speaker Philippa Davies, a business psychologist and author, also known as 'Mrs Motivator'.

Jane Hutt AM, Vaughan Gething AM, Sir Brooke Boothby of Fonmon Castle and Vale of Glamorgan Mayor,

Coun Eric Hacker, also joined in the discussion.

Suggestions included better promotion of venues, strengthening and integrating communities, focus on the Vale's diversity and building a Vale 'brand'.

Following the discussion, Ms Davies gave an insight into modern business and the internet, advising businesses on how to make the web work for them.

She told the audience: "The more you can find out about a customer's 'journey' the better, because it tells you how you fit into the context of their life. It's not so

much about discussing products and services with customers, more about them helping you to design your shop."

Coun Neil Moore told guests: "We have tried to do things differently this year and to facilitate a discussion so we can

hear your views. We have two questions: what is really good about the Vale that we should promote? – and where are the gaps either in provision or in the links that would make existing facilities more effective?"

PACT meetings

ST ATHAN PACT, September 2, at The Gathering Place, 2pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, September 5 at Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way, 7pm.

WENVOE coffee and chat, September 11 at the Wenvoe Arms, 11am.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, September 11 at Llantwit Leisure Centre, 7pm.

CADOC PACT, September 12 at Palmerston Community Community Learning Centre at 6pm.

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Sponsorship helps Robert set his sights on Olympic dream

A FREE-STYLE skier from Barry, with aspirations of competing at the 2014 Winter Olympics, has received a sponsorship boost from the local Specsavers store.

Robert Taylor (28) represented Great Britain at the 2011 World Cup held in the USA, but, unlike competitors around the world, has had to completely self-fund his ambitions.

As a result, Specsavers in Holton Road decided to help ease the burden by providing Taylor with a year's supply of contact lenses.

Robert will now continue to compete as a member of the World Cup freestyle half-pipe circuit and has set his sights on becoming one of only a handful of Welsh athletes to have ever taken part in the Winter Olympics, which will be held in Sochi, Russia in two years' time.

He said: "When I'm back at home in Barry, I work with a gardening company to make some money, but I save up virtually all of that to enable me to travel to, and stay at venues around the world, so I can compete at events."

"It means I pretty much end up living off next to nothing, so when Specsavers offered to supply me with free contact lenses it was a massive help with the costs."

Robert suffered personal tragedy after his brother, Richard, who he describes as his inspiration, died in a freak accident while roller-boarding at the age of just 23.

He added: "My brother got me into the sport, and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be where I am today. He was, and still is, my inspiration. He's what makes me stronger."

"None of this would also have been possible without the support of my mother, Gaynor. She has



Robert Taylor receives his year's supply of free contact lenses from Barry Specsavers director, Jamie Pullen.

helped me out in so many ways I couldn't even begin to describe.

"She encouraged me to keep pursuing my dream and is the strongest person I know. I can't thank her enough really."

Robert's success has been achieved despite having to endure some physical setbacks. He suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury in his right knee and then broke his shoulder, which kept him out of the sport for two years from 2009.

He adds: "After two years out injured, it was amazing to come back and make the British World Cup squad. It was an amazing experience, and my goal now is to continue training and competing on the circuit, and hopefully I can make it to the winter Olympics in Russia in 2014."

Diabetes Peer Support makes an impact in Barry



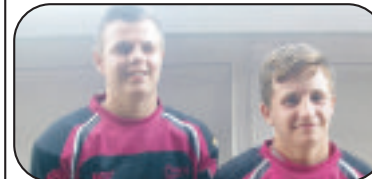
Jane Hutt AM with Wendy Gane MBE and the Diabetes Peer Support Group.

THE Diabetes Peer Support Programme, led by Wendy Gane MBE, was well received at the Barry YMCA HUB this month.

A great deal of advice and experience, as well as clinical knowledge, was shared.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "Diabetes Peer Support was well received, especially for those with a more recent diagnosis of diabetes. This was an excellent way to share knowledge and understanding."

Honours for Barry boys



TWO Barry youngsters, Scott Griffiths (Barry Boys) and Iwan Baker (Bro Morgannwg), recently had the honour of representing east Wales under-14s in the Wales Rugby League Origin Match played at the Gnuil, Neath.

Both boys, who play for Barry Rugby Club, made significant contributions and Iwan scored the try that clinched a 24-14 victory for the east against west Wales.

To cap a memorable week off, the two boys, along with other Vale players Sam Davies, Caleb Docking, Eddy Drake, Callum Mickleson and man of the match Sion Jones, went on to clinch the Wales under-14s title with Panthers Rugby League by defeating Aber Valley Wolves at Caerphilly RFC.

This completed an undefeated season for the Panthers, with 11 wins and a draw from their 12 matches.

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VOLUNTEERS TAKING TO THE BEACHES!

LAST month's 'Friends of Barry Beaches' litter pick at the Knap saw around 20 volunteers spending a productive hour helping to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drinks cans, nylon rope and glass from the beach.

Co-ordinator Coun Rob Curtis said: "I would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time to help

keep our beaches tidy and clean of litter.

"We have had an excellent response from those who care about their environment. Helping to clear litter from our beaches is a really positive thing to do and protects our marine mammals and birds."

Secretary of the group, Verity Allely, said: "Everyone is always made to feel welcome and our regular volunteers always enjoy themselves."

Remembering brave Lucy, a champion of the oppressed

THE tragic death of Lucy Dickenson, the inspirational young founder and leader of the SAFE Foundation, is a terrible shock and huge loss to all those she empowered and supported in Africa, India and across the world, as well as here in Wales.

Lucy was an extraordinary person – of vision, of commitment and of courage who I was privileged to know and work with.

She was clear that where there was injustice, poverty and discrimination in the world – she was ready to step

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by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

in and work to find solutions with the people and communities she was supporting.

She was their champion and she worked with people, on their terms,

with so many small local organisations and groups she helped to inspire and organise.

Lucy rose above all the weaknesses of bureaucracy and steered all the money she raised for the projects and communities she supported.

She lived simply so that others may live and benefit from the SAFE Foundation and was always stretching her intellect, her imagination and her skills to make a difference.

She believed in the Millennium Development goals, she didn't just subscribe to them. She wanted to make them happen not just support them in principle as found in our shared work for our local 'Vale for Africa' group.

She was also a brilliant speaker, as so many of us found at her talks to the Barry Soroptimists and also at the Dorothy Rees Memorial Lunch earlier this year.

She put our small world into perspective as she spoke with such openness and honesty, not about herself, but about the wider world where poverty and hunger is a reality and she showed what we can do to play our part to support the work of the SAFE Foundation.

Professor Stephen Tomlinson CBE, Chairman of Vale for Africa and the Wales for Africa Health Links Network said of Lucy: "Lucy and the SAFE Foundation worked together with Vale for Africa as partners. Lucy was a Trustee of Vale for Africa and I have known her from the beginning of our partnership four years ago."

"She was a joy; she brightened up any room she entered. She was truly inspirational and cared deeply for the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged, especially children in Africa and Asia."

She was a true leader of young people and helped changed the lives of young people from Wales, as well as across the world. In her short life, she achieved so much more than we see in policies and programmes which have good intention, but can take decades to deliver.

This was recognised in the Gold Star Award Ceremony recently in Wales.

It was an honour and privilege to know Lucy Dickenson and our thoughts are now with her family and friends, with whom we share the intense grief of the loss of such a fine young woman of Wales.

Hectic time for Penarth lifeboat

VOLUNTEERS at Penarth RNLI had a busy day earlier this month, launching twice to deal with serious incidents.

A Penarth RNLI spokeswoman said: "The first call came at 1.30 pm on Thursday, August 16, to reports of a motorboat stuck in shallow water just outside Cardiff Docks."

"Lifeboat helm Andy Vye-Parminster and his crew of Aran Pitter and Owain Davies launched the smaller of Penarth's two boats – the D class Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) – and made their way quickly to the motorboat."

"They found five people on board the small motorboat, with only one lifejacket between them. One of the lifeboat crew waded out from the lifeboat to the stranded motorboat, and passed the occupants four further lifejackets."

"The lifeboat crew attached a tow rope to the motorboat and pulled it clear and into deeper waters so it could refloat."

The second call came just hours later at 6.50pm. Two people were reported to be cut off by the tide in the St Mary's Well Bay area.

The smaller ILB launched, this time helped by Jason Dunlop and crewed by Mark Bow and James Sidford. Within minutes of this launch, the larger boat – the Atlantic 85 – also received a request to mobilise.

Helm Karl Lawrence and his crew of Graeme Jones, Owain Davies and Alex Kalebic made their way as quickly as possible towards St Mary's Well Bay.

The spokeswoman continued: "The lifeboat crews spotted two men, who had been filming along the coast, stranded on a small area of dry beach remaining at the foot of the cliff face."

"Sea conditions were rough, the weather was cold and blustery and there was an onshore swell which made it difficult to get the lifeboats on to the beach to pick up the stranded walkers."

"However the crew of the ILB managed to get the small lifeboat onto the beach, where the two men were helped into the boat and were transferred into the larger, more comfortable Atlantic 85, which was waiting just offshore in deeper waters."

"The lifeboat crew had to act quickly, as one of the men seemed to be suffering from

the effects of the cold, and the rescue helicopter that the crew had requested reported that it could not reach them for over an hour."

"Once on board the Atlantic 85, the two were checked over by Graeme Jones, one of the lifeboat crew who is also a paramedic. The Atlantic 85 took the two men to Barry Dock, as the seas were too rough to be able to land anywhere closer. Here, they were met by the Coastguard and the ambulance."

Both boats returned to the station just after 9pm. This second call was a timely chance for crew member Alex Kalebic to put to the test the skills he had learned over the past years as a probationary crew member.

Just the previous day, Alex had been through a rigorous assessment by the RNLI's divisional assessor trainer and had successfully passed from probation to full crew member.

Praising Alex for passing his assessment, Phil Duffield, lifeboat operations manager for Penarth, said: "As an organisation we ask a great deal from our volunteers. Alex should be very proud of his achievements."

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Welsh school bucks the national trend!

THE boys led the way this year at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, as the Welsh medium, comprehensive bucked the national trend – seven out of every 11 of the school's highest achievers (attaining A* and A grades) in 13 subjects were boys.

Between them, Lewis Harrison, Elis Jackson, Joseph Lee, Michael Scannell, Ronan Scott and Harri William amassed an amazing total of 40 A* grades and 26 A grades in the GCSE results published last Thursday.

Many of their peers across the Vale who have attended the Welsh



Meirin Evans (10A*s and 2As will be returning to sixth form).

medium comprehensive in Barry, are also celebrating fantastic results.

None more so than Meirin Evans from Penarth, who was the outstanding pupil this year with an incredible 10 A* grades, 2 A grades and a Distinction in Applied IT.

His GCSE success

follows a week after he attained full marks in his French AS exam, resulting in an A grade in the language.

Not to be outdone by her brother, year-9 pupil Sian Azilis Evans achieved an A* in GCSE French, sitting the exam two years early.

Leading the way for year-11 girls this year were Hawys Davies, Louise Helm, Cerren Richards and Bethan Yapp, who all scored an impressive array of A* and A grades in their 13 subjects.

Disappointed faces were most definitely in the minority as the school celebrated yet another set of excellent examination results in the academic and vocational subjects, as well as all pupils entered for the Welsh Bacc qualification for the first time in Key Stage Four, achieving their goal.

Pupils across the ability range achieved their potential, and we are delighted that 87 per cent of the pupils achieved A* to C grades in five or more subjects.

Congratulations to pupils and staff, and we look forward to welcoming many of the successful pupils back to the sixth form, where they can continue with their studies and contribute as young leaders to the school's ethos.

Meirin Thomas



ABOVE:
Meirin Evans, Thomas Firth (10A and 2B/returning to sixth form), Gareth Pilcher (12 GCSE's A*-C/returning to sixth form), Lewis Harrison.



LEFT to RIGHT – Eleri Lloyd (12 GCSEs/returning to sixth form), Owain Lord (12 GCSEs A*-C/returning to sixth form), Lewis Harrison (5A* and 7A/returning to sixth form).

READY FOR SANTA... Morgan (six) earns place on sleigh parade



SIX-year-old Morgan Jones, from Bryncethin, has won the NFU Mutual Bridgend & The Vale prize draw for a place on Santa's sleigh at the Cowbridge Reindeer Parade.

The draw was made in the NFU stand at the Vale Show, as they are the main sponsors of the Cowbridge Reindeer Parade, held this year on

Sunday November 25. Morgan, whose family farm is at Brocastle, Bridgend, and who goes to Pencoed Primary School, couldn't wait to tell all his friends and family, especially his best friend, Iwan.

The picture (above) shows Morgan being presented with his 'reindeer' at the NFU office, by David Harris, group secretary of the Kelly & Harris Agency.

Pam Harris

TY HAFAN'S EBAY APPEAL

DUE to the success of selling items on eBay, Ty Hafan is looking for volunteers to help raise much-needed funds for the hospice at Sully.

"We are aware that there are lots of people who really enjoy buying and selling on eBay," said Kat Edgar, warehouse manager. "Ty Hafan can give them the opportunity to apply their skills for a really deserving cause."

"We are looking for people to help us value, prepare and send valuable and collectable items, as well as take telephone calls from prospective bidders. All we ask is that they can attend our Barry warehouse once a week for a few hours so that the eBay activity can be maintained."

Contact Ms Edgar on 01446 721544 for further information.

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Vale Show organisers are praised by the local AM



Mayor of Penarth takes in Vale Show



THE Mayor of Penarth, Coun Philip Rapier, was among those who spent the day at the Vale Show in Fommon Castle, where he mingled with the public and time indulging in some fowl play at the poultry exhibits, as the photograph (above) shows!

Jane Hutt AM with the Royal British Legion



Jane Hutt AM meets NFU representatives.

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has hailed last week's Vale Show as a 'great success' and congratulated the organisers and volunteers who made it such a great event.

She commented: "With the sun shining on Fommon, we knew the Vale Show would be a great success, but it was the preparation and organisation of all the events, displays, exhibitions and stalls that made it such a tremendous day which was enjoyed by all those who attended."

"The Vale Show is an important event in the calendar and it is better every year. Congratulations to all those who played their part in 2012!"

Bridge winners



Jane Brook and Huw Thomas, winners of the recent East Wales Bridge Association claret jug.

LATEST results from Barrivale: 1st. Mike Close and Mick Green 63.33 per cent; 2nd. Eileen Hughes and Carol James 55 per cent; 3rd. Ann Macdougall and Sean Macdougall 53.75 per cent. Ann and Sean won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join, telephone 01446 733425 or 01446 418380 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Friends and Neighbours are reminded of heydays

AS part of Friends and Neighbours' active programme, more than 30 members of the group attended the matinee performance of Fame JR at Barry Memorial Hall by Superstars in the Making.

The group had a very entertaining afternoon.

They clapped along to every popular Fame song, and it reminded them of their heydays.

They loved the colourful costumes and the excellent set design, especially the yellow taxi that took its place for the grand finale.

Many of the members remarked it was of West End standard, and for many of the members it was their first experience of a live musical.

Gay Fildfield

Cowbridge welcomes top local and global talent for third annual music festival

SEPTEMBER 14 sees the opening of the 2012 Cowbridge Music Festival, with audiences set to fill Holy Cross Church for world class performances by local and international artists.

The festival begins with top string players from across Europe. Members of the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra of Europe present two hallmark works: the turbulently passionate 'Souvenir de Florence' by Tchaikovsky, and the richly lyrical 'String Sextet in B flat' by Brahms.

On Saturday 15, musicians from Bulgaria, Germany and Switzerland, 'Tri i Dve', will raise the roof of the town hall with a free concert in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research (donations invited).

The group's unique sound combines Western classical elegance with the rich colours and exuberant rhythms of Hungarian and Balkan folk music.

Three outstanding young musicians - Cowbridge violinist Charlie MacClure, Atlantic College pianist Emma Woo, and harpist Benjamin Creighton Griffiths, open the festival's second weekend, presenting a wide variety of solo pieces in this showcase for local talent.

For lovers of early music, the celebrated Welsh soprano Elin Manahan Thomas and lutanist David Miller perform Elizabethan songs on Saturday 22.

Festival director Mary Elliot said: "In the past we've had quite a few requests from audi-



Violinist Felix Froschhammer. Photo by Tashko Tasheff.

ences for Baroque music, so we're delighted to be able to respond with a tailored programme."

Friday 28 is movie night, as CMF and Big Screen Cinema collaborate once again to present comic masterpieces by Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, with Swiss pianist Lucas Buclin returning to provide his captivating improvised accompaniment.

Last year's silent movie evening welcomed a sold-out crowd, with film lovers aged three to 83 sharing laughter and, of course, ice-cream.

Eminent Welsh

pianist Llyr Williams brings the programme to a close on Saturday 29, with a recital of some of the greatest works for piano by Schubert, Brahms and Chopin.

Founded in 2010 with a grant from Creative Rural Communities, the festival was awarded charitable status in 2011.

This year, it has received funding from the Arts Council of Wales, D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust, in addition to a second year of sponsorship from Cardiff Design.

Admission to all six concerts is free for children and students. The organisers are also proud to offer the lowest ticket prices of any international-standard festival.

Continuing a commitment to community outreach, the festival will include free performances in local schools and care homes. Events already confirmed are a strings concert for students of Cowbridge

Comprehensive School and a miniature silent movie at Barry Island Primary School.

This year, CMF is also excited to work with artists from the Cardiff School of Art & Design (UWIC), who will create pieces of art inspired by the festival's music programme.

Their work will be displayed at Cowbridge Library throughout September.

Tickets, including 'saver' festival passes, are on sale now from Xantippe on Cowbridge High Street, through PayPal on the website (see below), and from Ticket Source on 08448 700887.

Full programme information is available now at: www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk

For behind-the-scenes extras, follow the festival on Facebook and Twitter: [facebook.com/cowbridgemusicfestival](https://www.facebook.com/cowbridgemusicfestival), and twitter.com/cowbridgemusic.

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The buses, provided by the Cardiff Transport Conservation Group, will include former Caerphilly, Pontypridd or Bedwas & Machen council vehicles.

These will run between a Park & Ride site at the Council Dock Offices next to Barry Docks Railway Station to Morrisons; and along Broad Street to and from the Island, between 11am and 5pm on both days.

The Bus Depot will



Heritage buses will be available to chauffeur visitors around the attractions at the Tall Ships festival in Barry this weekend.

be open to the public during the event. The Tall Ships weekend in Barry, September 1-2, will see a number of ships moored in Barry Dock, including the Tall Ship 'Stavros S Niarchos'.

There will be various

interest activities such as craft stalls, pirates and street entertainers.

The Barry Railway will offer steam rides and a collection of vintage cars will be at Hood Road.

There will also be a rock music concert fea-

turing live music from a range of groups including Brother Steve, The Relics, Shooting the Moon and Too Toned on Saturday and Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band, Blues Central and Wonderbrass on Sunday.

Letters Extra

A GREAT WEEK FOR EISTEDFOD!

I WISH to express my thanks to Rosalind Lewis of Llantwit Major for her hard work as fundraising organiser for the Welsh National Eisteddfod in the Llantwit Major area over the past two years.

Ros volunteered for the role and put in a huge amount of work, and with a group of supporters, who need to be congratulated for their hard work, they raised just over £20,000, which was amazing during these very difficult economic times.

I was pleased that the Eisteddfod was an outstanding success in the

Vale, and again my thanks to all the officers and staff of the Vale Council who worked exceptionally hard over a long period to make sure that the Vale welcomed the Eisteddfod.

Personally, after playing a part in setting up the idea of bringing the Eisteddfod to Llandow, I must thank all the landowners for their tremendous support in making the event such a great success.

Many visitors from all over Wales will remember their great week in the Vale and I am sure they will return in the future.

COUN GWYN JOHN, Llantwit Major

Custom bike show and funday for Ellie

A CUSTOM bike show and funday in aid of children's charity Latch is set to return to Morrisons in Cardiff Bay this Sunday (September 2) following a successful debut at the same store last year.

Most of the displays and events are returning for this year's event, including custom bikes, trikes and classics coming down on the day; police, fire service and army displays; vintage cars; a funfair; the play bus; the falconry UK team; various stalls, trade stands and refreshments; and a beauty tent

where you can have your nails and hair done.

There will also be a vintage bus running every hour to the Tall Ships Festival at Barry Waterfront to take visitors between the two events.

A grand raffle is taking place with tickets still available up to and on the day.

The price of a ticket is only £1, and the draw will take place at 3.30pm on the day.

If any vintage car owners in the area wish to display on the day, call Roger Clarke at the Morrisons store in Cardiff Bay to get involved.

Leigh Gruffydd Sanders

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1 at 7pm.

Admission £5.
Proceeds in aid of
church renovations.

Stroke advice
AN adviser from the
Stroke Association will
provide advice on
'available support
services'. The event is
at Bethel Road
Church Hall, Beryl
Road, Barry, on
Tuesday, September 4
from 10am-12 midday.
Contact 01446

732385 for further
information.
**Flower
arrangers**
COWBRIDGE and
District Flower
Arrangers Club's next
meeting is at 7.30pm
on Wednesday,
September 5 in the
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Cowbridge Town Hall.

Rob Wallace will
give a demonstration
entitled 'contemporary
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come awaits.

Bingo move
COMMUNITY Bingo
run every Wednesday
at 7pm, from the
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locating to the Colcot
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(6.30pm). New mem-
bers of all ages wel-
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Autumn trip
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Varied music line-up for Tall Ship Festival

ORGANISERS are
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Ship Festival**.

The festival
(September 1-2) will fea-
ture two days of family
fun, including a feast of
music from a number of
popular bands, and a
chance to look around
the Tall Ship *Stavros S
Niarchos*.

Another ship, the
Baltic Trader, *The Ruth*,
was also due in dock for
the festival, but unfortu-
nately it is currently in

Liverpool and adverse
weather conditions have
prevented it from sailing
down in time for the
weekend.

A Vale Council
spokesman said: "Bands
will be on stage on both
days from approximately
12.30pm.

"An energetic
Saturday evening line-up
will climax with 'Too
Toned' and 'The Relics',
while Sunday will be a
more chilled-out, soulful
day featuring an acoustic
set from local 13-year-
old Scot Hawkins and
bands such as 'Blues
Central', 'Wonderbrass'
and Big Mac's Wholly

Soul Band" *The music
line-up is as follows.*

Saturday: 12:45pm -
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1:45pm - Still Waiting;
2:45pm - Studio 41;
3:30pm - The Town;
5pm - Freeway; 6:30pm
- Too Toned; 8:30pm -
The Relics.

Sunday: 12:30pm -
Gentleman Prefer
Blondes; 2pm - Scott
Hawkins; 3pm - Blues
Central; 4:30pm -
Wonderbrass; 6pm - Big
Mac's Wholly Soul
Band.

The bumper family
weekend will also
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This Impostor leaves an indelible mark...

THE phrase that real life is stranger than fiction is never truer than in the world of documentary.

Since Michael Moore showed that there was both demand, and in turn plenty of box office, for cinematically released documentaries, we've seen all forms of human life on the big screen, from feuding arcade gamers to youngsters competing in spelling bees, and everything in between.

The latest documentary to hit the big screen is *The Impostor*, a film by Bart Layton, which tells the story of a family who are shocked when their son, who went missing four years previously, suddenly turns up in Spain; however all is not as it seems, and as the identity of the son is called into question, so too are a whole manner of inci-

dents that make the reappearance the tip of the iceberg...

Given the paucity of original storylines emanating from Hollywood, it's no surprise that cinemagoers are being drawn into real-life stories that offer far more than their fictional counterparts; so when handed a story that could have been ripped straight from the pages of a film, you're left with something a bit more intriguing than first intended.

Bart Layton was on to a winner when given the story of Nicholas Barclay, whose disappearance and subsequent reappearance as the impostor of the title, Frederic Bourdin, proves to be the tipping point of a story that goes in some unexpected directions.

Layton, who has previously worked with television documentaries, is more than comfortable within this genre



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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and it shows - he is surefooted with the story, teasing little reveals and keeping the story flowing, while the mixture of atmospheric visuals and talking heads is well balanced.

A documentary is only as strong as the

actual story allows, and going into the film cold is the best way - the more you learn through the film the greater the impact it creates, moving into unexpected directions. Your response as a viewer will range from incredulity that the family could ever think that Bourdin could be an older Barclay, to humour as Bourdin seemingly gets away with his behaviour to disgust and concern as Layton's sly reveals push the story into a new direction.

Layton is also good at passing little in the way of judgement on his subjects. Their behaviour is delivered matter-of-factly to the viewer who can make their own minds up about the actions of Bourdin and the family of Barclay as the story progresses. You do get the feeling that at times Layton is playing the dramatic card a little heavily, a last act reveal intriguing but also feeling ever so slightly forced.

The Impostor is however a most riveting documentary which engages on every level, and Layton shows himself as a most compelling storyteller with a most compelling narrative.

VERDICT - An incredibly interesting documentary which feels larger than life at times. *The Impostor* is a well-told story that surprises at every turn. Well marshalled by Bart Layton, it is a film that is certainly worth seeking out, and a wonderful alternative to the generic output of Hollywood at present. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Capturing The Friedmans* (2003), *Catfish* (2010)

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS IN THE GARW

THE Garw valley has a rich industrial history and once had a total of six working pits in the shape of Lluest, Ffaldau, Darren, Glenafon, International and Garw with Ffaldau and Garw being the last to close in 1985.

Now the area has substantially changed and the old railway beds that once transported passengers as well as freight are no longer in use, but instead have been turned into paths that can be enjoyed by cyclists, runners and walkers for leisure activities.

Recently, Rachel and Clive were joined by 10 walkers on a wet morning for a trip up to the Garw valley and hopefully the chance of better weather later in the day.

From Blackmill where the Afon Ogwr Mawr and Fach are joined to form the River Ogwr which reaches the Bristol Channel near

Ogmore-by-Sea the group tramped along part of the Ogmore valley cycle route beside the Ogwr Fawr River.

Having climbed to the edge of an oak forest on Craig Tal-y-fan, fern and gorse lined tracks led to open access land, and having joined part of the Ogwr Ridgeway Walk, they crossed the road to join the Garw Valley cycle track, which begins at Brynagarw House and runs through the old disused railway line to Blaengarw.

After coffee, they moved on to reach Bettws crossing the common with its group of grazing horses, and, unfortunately, the site of a burned out school.

After some road-walking, the group re-entered fields that were

covered with the invasive Himalayan Balsam as the rain got heavier.

An access point on the Garw Valley cycle track which is constructed in a deep ravine that had been blasted through, led the group along the flattest part of their route.

Lunch and a chance to dry out as the rain had stopped was taken at a children's play area complete with benches and a picnic table before the group headed along a bridge path and prepared to climb up onto the open moorland of Pen y Foel by way of Nant Llwynyrcia.

As the mist cleared, they were rewarded with extensive views of the surrounding countryside and across the channel to Exmoor.

A dry stone-walled track led them to Cae Abbot complete with a church and pub as well, and after a brief stop to view the churchyard they crossed farmland and tramped beside the Ogwr Fawr back to Blackmill where they enjoyed a drink before the journey home.

On September 1, meet at 8.30am at Cogan for a 12-mile moderate walk from the Fourteen Locks to Twmbarlwn; contact Val on 02920 706315/Terry on 02920 595791.

On September 2, meet at 9am (not 9.30am, as in the programme) for a 12-mile hard walk at Pen y

Gadair, Waun Fach and Pen Trumau; contact Robin on 02920 514051.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com. Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 255102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Trehill lecture

AMONGST the various historic features of the Vale recently noted at the National Eisteddfod was its wealth of chapels: one of these is Trehill

Presbyterian Church, St Nicholas, founded by Howell Harris in 1740.

That close connection with the great Methodist reformer is cherished by the church and a new lectureship has been

established to celebrate that fact.

The first lecture will be delivered on Wednesday, September 5th at the church at 7pm, when Professor Densil Morgan of the University of Wales, Lampeter, a distinguished historian of Welsh Christianity in the 20th century, will lecture of 'Howells Howells Trehill and Methodism in the Vale of Glamorgan'.

An added interest is that Prof Morgan's book on Matthews Ewenny was launched at the Eisteddfod.

Two regional AMs press the Assembly to set up a cancer treatment fund

WELSH Conservative regional AMs Suzy Davies and Byron Davies attended the launch of a petition calling on the Welsh Assembly Government to set up a £5 million cancer treatment fund to pay for cancer drugs and advanced radiotherapy and other treatments for patients in Wales.

Suzy Davies said that many drugs routinely given to English cancer patients are not available in Wales.

She said: "Recent independent research by the Rarer Cancer Foundation found that there are 24 cancer medicines routinely prescribed in England which are not easily available to patients in Wales.

"People who are seriously ill with cancer should not be having to fight to get the treatment they need when over the border they would have it without question."

Byron Davies said that the petition was calling for more cancer treatments to be available - not just drugs.

"There are innovations in radio-surgery like Cyber Knife and Gamma Knife, which people in Wales cannot access at all," he said. "Patients have had to go to England.

"A £5million fund would make all these treatments available to either save or prolong lives."

Those who want to sign the petition can find it online at: your-voiceintheassembly.co.uk.

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THE name Butlin's has been synonymous with seaside holiday camps and wholesome family entertainment for generations.

A new book, *An Illustrated History of Butlin's*, by Derek Tait, and published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99, captures those nostalgic times with the help of some 180 pictures which seem to bounce off the pages.

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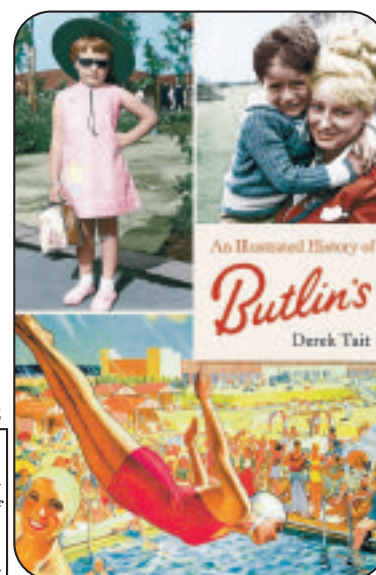
beauty pageants.

Several pages are devoted to the campsite at Barry Island which was opened in 1966 and closed 30 years later in 1996.

Holidays have changed a great deal since those days, but many remember the barack-type chalets and the endless on-site entertainment, competitions and dodgem cars.

This light-hearted book is a permanent reminder of those happy, care free days.

BRIAN LEE



Derek Tait's *An Illustrated History of Butlin's* takes anybody who ever spent a holiday at one of the camps down memory lane.

RECORD FINES

WARDENS on the look-out for littering and dog fouling issued a record number of fines last week.

The local authority support company, XFOR, issued 89 fixed penalty notices in the Vale during the week commencing August 20.

Assuming that all 89 fines are collected, the company will have collected £6,675 over the course of the week.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "XFOR, which has been tasked by the Vale Council to help tackle dog fouling and littering incidents in the Vale, is taking a zero tolerance approach to environmental crimes, where offenders will be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £75 without warning."

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WHAT'S ON / IN BRIEF

FoE meeting

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, at 7pm-7.30pm on Tuesday, September 4.

The campaigning focus of FoE this year will be on clean energy, not energy from dirty incineration or irresponsible recycling policies.

Waverley steams

PADDLE steamer Waverley sails at 9.30am from Penarth Pier this Sunday (September 2) for the 27th annual church service on the National Trust island of Lundy.

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- 4) Which monarch
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It was at its height in the 1980s, but since
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INTERNATIONAL TRIALS SEE THE BEST OF THE BEST COME TO TOWN

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The International Sheepdog Trials, billed as the biggest event of its kind in the world, takes place in Bonvilston.

In effect, it is the Home Internationals, and will involve around 80 of the finest sheepdogs

from the four home countries of the UK – not forgetting their handlers!

An event spokeswoman told The GEM that thousands of visitors, from all over the world, are expected to attend.

The competition format is that each home nation will put

forward a team of 15 dogs, with five reserves.

It conjures up an image of the team manager bringing on an 'impact sub' from the bench, but that is probably straying a little too far into rugby and football territory!

There will be an individual element to the competition as well. The top 15 dogs will go forward to a

grand final on the third and final day.

The three-day spectacle will, therefore, culminate with the crowning of a new supreme champion.

There will also be a young handler competition and an 'International Brace' Championship which, to the uninitiated, means one handler working with two dogs!

This year's event features a food and country festival and has Welsh Government First Minister Carwyn Jones as president.

The impressive list of sponsors includes the Welsh Government, the Vale Council, Tesco, and Gilbertson and Page.

The Welsh team will be led by Pentrefaelas farmer Arthur Roberts and his dog, Chip. Arthur has only missed one international since 1974, when he was best man at a friend's wedding.

He is the third generation of his family to compete, since his father and grandfather were triallers, with his own son, Eilir, following on, and daughter Catrin, a psychology lecturer, also very involved.

He said: "It's an honour to lead Wales, and it's unexpected. It's a combination of having the right dog and things working in our favour."

The Welsh team comprises:

- 1: Arthur Roberts with *Chip*.
- 2: Alan Driscoll with *Meg*.
- 3: Aled Owen with *Gypsy*.
- 4: Gerald Lewis with *Splash (Flash)*.
- 5: Medwyn LL

Evans with *Jan*.

6: Dan Jarman with *Jaff*.

7: Alun Jones with *(Selatyn) Kate*.

8: Harcourt Lloyd with *Kilcreen Jess*.

9: Kevin Evans with *Greg*.

10: I B Jones with *Tanhill Joe*.

11: Jeff Hudd with *Tysswg Nell*.

12: Lyn M Howells with *Max*.

13: Robert Ellis with *Mirk*.

14: John Bowen with *Belle*.

15: Richard M Millichap with *Dewi Tweed*.

Reserve: Aled Owen and *Mac*.

Brace: 1: Ian Jones with *Tom and Jess*.

2: Glyn Jones with *Don and Zak*.

Driving: Jeff Hudd with *Tysswg Nell*.

Young handler: Ben Owen and *Cael*.

The 2012 International is being hosted by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Tudor Harris. The location is Redland Farm near Bonvilston, in the Vale of Glamorgan, CF5 6TQ.

For more information about the event, or to buy tickets, visit www.international-sheepdogtrials.org.uk

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Hillman sevens proves a success



Picture by Gareth Davies

SEVERAL hundred people attended Waterton Cross on bank holiday Sunday, to support the inaugural Colin Hillman Invitation Sevens.

The day was a huge success and all teams

that entered deserve a huge thank you. Samurai Sharks looked very dangerous from the start, with a star-studded team, and were the eventual winners, beating a South Wales Police Hillman 7 in the final.

To reach the final, the Samurai Sharks had to first beat a Dinas Powys

team that put up a great performance and didn't roll over for the far more experienced Samurai team; the SWP Hillman seven had to see off Glaze Charity Select team entered by Ray Giles.

GLAZE Prostate Charity, Wales is the leading charity in the

principality working with medical professionals in the battle against all prostate diseases, benign and malignant.

Its mission is to raise awareness, promote understanding and fund both the latest medical equipment and the training of healthcare professionals.

Another highlight of the day saw Kenfig Hill under-8s play Bridgend Sports under-8s in a tag exhibition game before the semi final. Both teams played some fantastic rugby

The wheels are already in motion to announce the date for the second tournament in 2013.

KM

Ladies Day: good turnout (and the weather holds off as well) at Cottrell Park!

THERE was a good turnout for the lady members and guests' competition at Cottrell Park on Thursday, August 16.

A team consisting of a lady member and two guests played a Stableford competition, the best two out of three scores counting on each hole.

It was a pleasant day, with refreshments provided by the Cottrell ladies at the halfway house.

Judy James, the ladies' team captain, thanked Mary

Watkins, the competition secretary, for all her hard work in organising the competition, and other ladies for their support.

The team winners were Lorna Howells, with her guests Liz Fine from Brynhill; and Sue Gibson from Glamorganshire, with 83 points.

Jen Thomas, with guests Gail Mills and Diane Dancy from Llantrisant, were second; and Jan Cosby, with guests Alison Hurry, Pyle and Kenfig and Sue Williams,

Bromsgrove, were third, with 77 points.

Nearest the pin on the eighth green was Liz Fine, and Brenda Leaver, Celtic Manor was closest on the 15th.

The longest drive up to 25 Handicap was Amy Rees, Southerndown, and 26+ Handicap was Carolyn McKenzie, St Athan.

Nine ladies achieved a two on their card and won golf balls.

Judy James thanked all who had attended and hoped every one had enjoyed the day. CB

PG13 earn International Cup success in Cardiff

PG10 Coaching under-13s have been successful in winning the prestigious Welsh International Super Cup, recently held in Cardiff.

The Welsh

International Super Cup attracts teams from across the world and has a seen huge international stars, such as Dwight Yorke, Michael Owen, Steven Gerrard, Robbie Fowler, Tomas Rosicky, Andriy Shevchenko and many more, play in the presti-

gious tournament over the years. This year's event included teams from Trinidad and Tobago, Africa, Malta, Dubai, Qatar.

It was the second international football tournament, PG10 has entered in three months, after shining in Dubai, where its junior side won the Dubai International Super Cup.

The team was made up of players that attend local secondary schools, such as Ysgol Gyfn Bro Morgannwg, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Comprehensive schools

Head coach Peter Griffiths commented: "The players performed to a high standard throughout the week, developing their football skills, but also experiencing different cultures by mixing with young people from across the world.

"The tournament is a unique event and with Cardiff also hosting Olympic Games events, this certainly was a fantastic time for international teams to visit Wales and enjoy their football!" PG

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Proposed works include replacing the shop front window at Unit 8, Penarth Pier (replacement on a like for like basis)

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Unit 8, Penarth Pier, Esplanade, Penarth

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Demolish existing conservatory linking the Pheasant House and the Dovecote. Construct new enlarged conservatory on broadly the same footprint

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The Pheasant House and Dovecote, Nash Manor, Cowbridge

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2012/00906/LBC

Erect proprietary timber garden room to rear of property

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The Three Tuns, St. Nicholas

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Demolish existing dwelling at Orchard Rise, No 6 Penlan Road, Llandough, CF64 2LT and construct two new dwellings with associated parking

Location:/Lleoliad:
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Orchard Rise, 6, Penlan Road, Llandough

Affecting Pound Cottage, Grade II

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LITTLE STARS GET CHANCE TO SHINE

As the rugby season gets under way, budding players of the future can sign up for the new term of the Welsh Rugby Union's 'Little Stars' courses which are being held in Barry, Penarth and Cowbridge.

Taking place in local leisure centres, the 'Little Stars' courses focus on the fundamental skills of rugby such as catching, throwing, agility, balance and co-ordination, and everything is taught in a really fun way.

The sessions are held for two different age groups, and for the youngest children, aged three-years-old to four, the sessions are themed with plenty of varied games being played.

For the older kids, aged five to seven, naturally a bit more rugby is introduced so that the youngsters can

develop their skills and gain more of an understanding of the game.

WRU coach Sophie Wilkinson, who runs the sessions in the Vale, said: "Little Stars is a new exciting way to introduce rugby.

"There is parent involvement in the younger class, too, so be prepared!"

"Youngsters are able to join mini rugby clubs once they are six-years-old, so the older sessions are therefore a bit more advanced, with a bit of tag rugby being played and more of a focus on fundamental rugby skills."

Further in formation can be obtained from Sophie Wilkinson on 07584 488290.

For details of other local sports clubs and courses, please visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sport-sandplay.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL MARKS 'FABULOUS' GCSE RESULTS

The Cathedral School, Llandaff, which has pupils from throughout the local area, has reported two thirds of all GCSE entries graded A* or A, with 100 per cent of pupils gaining five or more examinations graded A*-C.

At the top end, three quarters of pupils gained five or more A* and A grades, including Claire Shadwell who gained 12 A*s, and Samuel Vaughan (eight A*s and three As).

Headmaster Stephen Morris expressed his joy at the results.

He said: "Once again, these are fabulous results. Well done to all of our pupils."

The school will host an open morning on Saturday, October 6, from 10am-12:30pm.



Local Cathedral School pupils celebrate their GCSE results.

CADOXTON'S BOWLERS SLIP TO FRIENDLY DEFEAT

A lovely evening, good company, and an enjoyable game was the outcome of the visit of St Fagans to Cadoxton, for a friendly fixture – but still no success.

John Stewart fell 7-1 behind, on his rink, after winning the first end. Over the next five ends they collected a further six shots, but unfortunately conceded a '5' and '3'. A further eight shots went to the visitors, before the last four ends were shared with singles.

In a closely contested game on Len Davies's rink the scores reached 8-8 after 11 ends. At this stage a gap opened against the home side when three '3's and a '2' were scored with just two singles in reply. The deficit was never closed.

The first three ends went to the home side, skipped by Howard Craven, but the advantage was cancelled out after the next three. The lead was regained for a score of 11-9 after 10 ends. A '5' followed by six losing ends to prevent any success.

Don Kuhnell's rink had ten winning ends during the game, five of which were singles on the opening ends with the opposing skip preventing anything higher with good bowls. The game was levelled 6-6 after nine ends. From this period the advantage went to and fro and with three ends left the scores were level again.

A good slice of luck on the penultimate end took away a count of four with the St Fagans skip's last bowl, to leave the home side 3 shots down. A further count of four on the final end, which would have won the game, was also turned over, when the jack was moved to make four against, but the shot was drawn with the last

bowl for the home side, unfortunately not enough to win.
Scores: G Powell, L Adams, S Clarke, J Stewart 9 - 25 D Pettican, M Morgan, J Russell, P Hamer; J Stacey, M Mathews, D Evans, D Kuhnell 12 - 14 J Daniels, A Sutton, P Snook, C Chapman; I Robertson, A Turner, J Sugden, L Davies 13 - 18 P Jones, J Wootten, P Ostrich, D Morgan; G Solomon, R Knight, G Brown, H Craven 13 - 24 B Leho, A Lerwell, J Ellis, J Gibson.
Final score: 47 - 81.

Cadoxton v Millwood – This rearranged match at Millwood, on a night interrupted by showers, completed the Munro Cup fixtures for the season.

Cadoxton came out on top with three successful rinks. Graham Brown led his rink to a comprehensive win against Keith Davies.

They were totally in control, except for four losing ends, one of which was a '6' conceded on the 15th end. This big margin more than covered the only defeated rink, which was skipped by Don Kuhnell, who gave an unusually poor performance. However, his lead, Gil Powell, gave an outstanding performance with accurate close bowls throughout the game and did not deserve to be on

the losing side.

Howard Craven's rink scored a '5' on the third end against Andrew Hatcher, but trailed 7-5 after six ends. However, for the remainder of the game, they were always on top. After 14 ends they held a 14-11 advantage, which was followed with a '3' and another '5' to open a commanding lead with two ends left. Each side finished with a '2'.

A closer game was played between Derek Brook's rink and Brian Crookford. After 5 ends the scores were tied at 4 each. Neither side were allowed to build a substantial advantage until the visitors scored a '4' on the 14th end to open up a 5 shot lead. Over the next three ends this was cut back to just a single shot. Nevertheless a single on the last ensured the points.

Scores: T Bishop, S Clarke, L Davies, G Brown 25 - 11 R Wills, G Whitehouse, B Gregory, K Davies; G Powell, M Mathews, J Sugden, D Kuhnell 10 - 17 C Peters, G Stone, M Williams, J Butler; I Robertson, J Stewart, K Chedzoy, H Craven 24 - 13 P Childs, D Gorringe, A Bumford, A Hatcher; H Hellyar, J Crout, G Davies, D Brook 16 - 14 B Webb, S Black, J Slee, B Crookford. Final score: 75 - 55.

DK

COACH IS WANTED

Could you make a difference the development of girls' football?

The Vale Ladies & Girls Football Club currently has a coaching opportunity for one of its junior teams due to a highly successful summer recruitment programme.

Matches take place on Sunday

mornings in the South Wales Girls League and training session on Wednesday evenings in the Barry area.

The club also supports its volunteers with coach education courses.

For more information please call 07832 273688 or email info@valegirlsfc.co.uk.

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Roller skating club's inaugural competition highlights Vale's talent

THE newly formed Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club held its first club annual competition recently at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

Trophies were kindly donated privately or by local businesses.

Jane Hutt AM watched some of the events and seemed delighted by what she saw, and presented the trophies, medals and certificates.

Julie Whittingham from the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating had the difficult job of judging the six events.

Results: The Barry Tyre Centre Trophy - 1st place Charleigh Griffith, 2nd place Erin Middleton, 3rd place Bailee Potter.

Barrett Butchers Trophy - 1st place Bethan Daly, 2nd place Hannah John, 3rd place Michael Vaughan.

George Morgan Memorial Trophy - 1st place Kaitlin Daly and Katie Vaughan, 2nd place Lara Goodwin and Hannah John, 3rd place Naomi Cooper and Phoebe Escott.

Tony Vadden Memorial Trophy - 1st place Katie Vaughan,



2nd place Kaitlin Daly, 3rd place Phoebe Escott.

Glamorgan Artistic Roller Skating Club Trophy -

This was a novelty free dance competition; the skaters choose their own music, make up, programme and dress: Results: 1st place Kaitlin Daly, 2nd place Bethan Daly, 3rd place Emily Eveleigh.

There was a seventh trophy donated by our judge Julie Whittingham.

It was awarded for the most improved skater, chosen by head coach Sheila Davies. This was

kept a close secret until she announced Michael Vaughan as the winner.

Posies of flowers were given to Bethan Daly and Medi Western for their hard work and improvement in the last few months.

Following these events our coaches who give so much of their time, gave a short exhibition of a dance medley.

Donna Daly, Anne-Marie Escott, Amy Goodwin, Penny Phillips, Liz Vaughan and Leslie Fletcher, received great applause. Bouquets were pre-

sented to Jane Hutt and Julie Whittingham.

Chocolates were given to the six coaches and to our overworked secretary Sheila Jones and to Chairlady Hilary Cridge.

If you would like to try this challenging but fun sport the club meets at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre on Saturday 3-00 to 5-00pm and at the Colcot Sport Centre on Tuesday 6-00 to 8-00pm. For more information e-mail, sheilajha0nn@hotmail.co.uk

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CLASS 2: Bull born on or after 01/01/11

First – Nigel Pritchard, Hyatt, Sarnesfield, Norton, Canon, Herefordshire.

CLASS 3: Cow or heifer or with calf at foot or cow in calf**CLASS 4: Heifer in calf****CLASS 5: Maiden heifer**

First – National History Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff.

CLASS 6: Pair owned by the same exhibitor

First – Nigel Pritchard, Hyatt, Sarnesfield, Norton, Canon, Herefordshire.

The Peter Wood and Sons Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Any Other Beef Breed Classes

Winner – National History Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff.

The Miss Ellen Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Hereford Exhibit

No entries.

The Hereford Cattle Society special championship rosette for the Best Hereford Exhibit

No entries.

LIMOUSIN:**CLASS 7: Bull born on or before 31/12/10**

First – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

CLASS 8: Bull born on or after 01/01/11

First – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Second – Messrs Edwards & Sons, Ty Draw Farm, Maesycod, Pontypriid.

Third – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

CLASS 9: Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf

First – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

Second – WH Williams & Son, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill Bridgend.

CLASS 10: Heifer in calf

First – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

Second – Arwyn Pritchard, Vians Hill, St Nicholas, Cardiff.

CLASS 11: Maiden heifer

First – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

CLASS 12: Pair owned by the same exhibitor
First – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

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Second – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Third – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

The MT Board Cup for the best pair of Limousin cattle

Winner – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

Vale Show championship rosette for the Best Male Champion

Champ – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Reserve – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

Vale Show championship rosette for the Best Female Champion

Champ – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

Reserve – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

Overall Limousin Championship

Champ – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Reserve – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

Limousin Cattle Society special rosette for the Champion and Reserve Champion in the Limousin section

Champ – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Reserve – National History Museum, St Fagans, Cardiff.

Arthur John and Co Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Limousin classes

Winner – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champion – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Reserve – Thomas Jenkins & Sons, Torycoed Farm, Rhiwsaeson, Llantrisant, Mid Glam.

Best Pair of Inter-breed Beef cattle owned by the same exhibitor (winner of classes 6 and 12)

The Dalgety Crosfield Cup for the Best Pair of Beef Cattle

Winner – E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilio Crossenny, Abergavenny.

Interbreed beef championship (to be competed for by the champion of both beef sections)

The Herbert R Thomas Cup for the Best Exhibit in all the Beef Classes

Winner – David Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer, Port Talbot.

Beef Champion to receive Vale Show Beef Champion & Reserve Beef Champion rosettes**Holstein Classes****CLASS 13: Calf under 12 months on day of show**

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

Second – Clive Thomas, Dros Y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros Y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major.

CLASS 14: Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Third – HD Hanks & Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrityd.

Mervyn Thomas Dros Y Mor Perpetual Challenge Trophy

Winner – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

CLASS 15: Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months

First – HD Hanks & Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrityd.

Second – HD Hanks & Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrityd.

Third – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

The Ladbroke (Bridgend Creamery) Challenge Shield

Winner – HD Hanks & Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrityd.

CLASS 16: Cow in calf but not in milk – any age

First – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Third – Clive Thomas, Dros Y Mor Farm, St Donats, Llantwit Major.

CLASS 17: Heifer in milk

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

CLASS 18: Junior cow in milk (second/third lactation only)

First – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Second – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Third – E Reader & Son, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe.

CLASS 19: Senior cow in milk (fourth lactation and above)

First – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

Second – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

Third – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Golden Vale Dairies Cup

Winner – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19). Winners to receive Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes and The Glynne Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for the Best Exhibit in the Holstein Classes

Winner/Champ – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Reserve – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Holstein UK Championship Award Rosette to the exhibitor of the Champion

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Best exhibitor-bred champion and best udder in show. Both receive Holstein UK rosettes

Winner – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan

CLASS 20: Group of eight in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the show.

First – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

Second – G Anthony & Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston.

Third – Jack Watts, Tynycwm Farm, Bedwas.

Fourth – VJ Price & Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancafan, Vale of Glamorgan.

Williams & Glynne Cup

Winner – RM Lougher & Son, Tytanglwst Farm, Pyle.

Any other pure Dairy Breed**CLASS 21: Maiden heifer, any breed other than Holstein**

First – MA Webber & K Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport.

Second – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend.

Third – E Reader & Son, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe.

CLASS 22: Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein

First – Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair, Discoed, Chepstow.

Second – RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend.

Third – E Reader & Son, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe.

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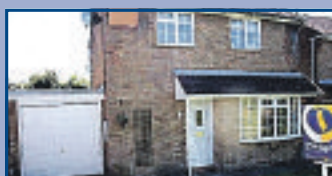
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of Eileen and Steven, father-in-law of Alan
and Yvonne, adored grandfather.
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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James
& Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday August 31st,
service 12.30pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit
Major followed by cremation at the Coity Chapel,
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FLANDERS (nee Williams)

Agnes Elizabeth

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John McGhan

Happy 50th Birthday

on September 3

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Marcus, Kirsty, Lewis,
Fraser and Peter XXX



JOHN MCGHAN

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Robert Dixon

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Claire and all the
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**Happy 21st Birthday
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Dad x x x

WILLIAMS

Grace Mary

Kathryn Edmondson and family wish to thank
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BILL WILLIAMS

I would like to thank family and friends
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Gisela Linton

PUGH, Jane

(of Dinas Powys)

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Margaret

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Dinas were dealt a blow when Trotman limped off to be replaced by Steffan Davies. He made an immediate impact but put his shot wide of the post. He didn't have to wait long though and when Steve Provis's through ball was inch perfect he finished by hooking the ball past keeper Lloyd Waghorn for the first goal.

Chris Hinam and Dunford both shot wide before Dinas got their second just a minute before half-time and again it was substitute Davies who met an excellent low cross from Fowler to fire in from close range. Dinas went in at half-time two goals to the good but nobody was prepared for what would happen in the second.

Cwmaman must have wondered what hit them as within a minute of the restart Fowler's early ball into the area was left by Davies to run on for Dunford who clinically finished from 12 yards.

On four minutes Dunford's ball inside the full-back forced a cor-

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CWMAMAN INSTITUTE 0
DINAS POWYS 12

ner, Liam Jeremy played the ball short to Davies who returned the ball for Jeremy to put in a cross that beat everybody and the ball nestled in the back of the net. Ten minutes later following the introduction of sub Joe Hinds for Dunford, Jeremy scored his second and again the ball found the net this time direct from a corner.

Eighteen minutes into the second-half Davies completed his hat-trick, Adam Raymond won the ball in midfield and played the ball through for Davies to score from 15 yards. Two minutes later Davies was the provider heading a free-kick down for Fowler to steer his shot wide of the keeper and into the net.

On twenty-three minutes it was time for Raymond to get in on the act, he finished off a neat passing move with a low shot followed a couple of minutes later by Hinds heading in a Richard Yarr cross.

On the half-hour Hinds got his second goal with a shot from the edge of the area, nine minutes later came a fine solo effort from Robbie Fowler, taking the ball on the half-way line he went past three defenders before rounding the keeper deep in the area and shooting into an empty net.

There was still time for a second hat-trick and again it was scored

by a substitute, Hinds heading in Yarr's cross to complete the scoring and Cwmaman's misery.

Games like this don't come along too often and the players will enjoy the celebrations but will be brought down to earth soon after ready for the next game.

Squad: 1 Damian Lack, 2 Steve Provis, 3 Chris Hinam, 4 Mike Lewis, 5 Rhys Davies, 6 Adam Raymond(1) (c), 7 Robbie Fowler (2), 8 Richard Yarr, 9 Mathew Trotman, 10 Mark Dunford(1), 11 Liam Jeremy(2), 12 Adrian Harvey, 14 James Williams, 15 Joe Hinds(3), 16 Steffan Davies(3).

WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: ELY RANGERS 1 DINAS POWYS 3

Dinas have not yet hit the form they attained towards the end of last season but they are unbeaten so far with 2 draws and 2 wins under their belt and they proved too strong for Rangers at Wenvoe last Tuesday.

The home side gained the majority of possession in the opening minutes but it was Dinas who had the first meaningful attacks with Robbie Fowler on the right the first to trouble the Rangers' defence.

On a couple of occasions he got the better of his defender to produce excellent balls across the

Rangers area but unfortunately the balls were just beyond the Dinas forwards. On 18 minutes Dinas went ahead when a rash challenge on Matt Trotman deep in the area saw the referee immediately point to the spot and player manager Mark Dunford stepped up to send keeper Hart the wrong way to score.

A couple of minutes later they doubled their lead with the best move of the game involving 5 players, the ball was swiftly transferred from defence to Adam Raymond in the area his accurate cross to the far post gave Fowler the easiest of tasks to slot the ball home from a couple of yards.

Rangers' Jordan Cottrell had a couple of long range shooting opportunities off target but just before half-time it was Dinas who should have added to their lead when Richard Yarr found Dunford in acres of space.

He moved forward but placed his shot not only wide of the keeper but also the post.

The lights came on for the second-half and Rangers again had the major share of possession with Dinas content to contain them; at the back Mike Lewis covered well making a number of timely interceptions and Chris Hinam was playing his usual composed game.

Going forward Trotman fired a ball across the keeper but also wide of the post before he laid the ball on for Dunford to shoot over from the edge of the area.

Mid-way through the second-half Dinas got their third, Fowler and Trotman again played their parts in the build-up before a 15 yard shot rebounded off the crossbar hitting an unfortunate defender on the back before rolling across the goal-line.

Rangers got their goal 5 minutes from time when a cross from the right was headed home by substitute Dominic Pates. Dinas played out the remaining 5 minutes without any major scares.

Next game, Dinas Powys v Cardiff Corries kick off 2:30pm.

For further news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk.

PETANQUE JOY FOR SMITH AND ELSTON

A hard-fought final involving former Penarth president Tony Smith and his partner Dave Elston, and their opponents John Barnes and Roger Griffin capped an enthralling day of skilful pétanque at Penarth Petanque Club at the Kymyn, Penarth on August 12.

Smith and Ellison eventually triumphed 13-12 to take the Colin Ballet memorial trophy.

Husband and wife team Geoff and Cath Jones took the plate final 13-7 against John Thorne and Pauline Thorne. Prizes were presented by Simone Ballet, whose husband Colin Ballet, the competition commemorates.

It proved to be an intriguing day of high quality pétanque as the piste got faster and faster as it dried in the afternoon sun leading to some interesting pointing techniques.

No pair dominated the morning round-robin session in which

three rounds were played - all the teams tasted defeat at some point - with the final groupings worked out on points difference.

But the real winner was the game of pétanque which continues to thrive in Penarth. The club meets each Sunday at 11am at the Kymyn and visitors and new members are welcome.

Contact Valerie Falconer (secretary) on 0447800976448 or Lynda Williams (club captain) on 0447976847540, or for more information, visit www.welsh-petanque.org.uk. JS

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TyreSafe, a leading tyre safety organisation, recently revealed the alarming findings of an ongoing investigation it carried out with Auto Express magazine into part worn tyres.

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However, of more concern was that over a third of the tyres were found to contain other potentially dangerous forms of damage or non-compliance with part worn tyre legislation.

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Barry RFC impress against District side

ON Wednesday last week, the celebration of a century and a quarter of rugby in Barry continued, with a home fixture against a strong Cardiff & District Select.

The evening match was blessed with fine, autumnal weather of sunshine and a strong westerly wind.

Barry started with the twin advantages of wind and gradient. They established a foothold in Cardiff territory from which Hewitson was held up just short of the line. With the pack pressing forward, justice was done when Evans crossed from close range.

The visitors were stung by this reverse and replied with a fine try wide out to level the scores. Both teams were intent on playing open rugby and they succeeded in producing a very enjoyable spectacle.

Ryan fielded a high ball and launched a counter attack, which was rounded-off by Deguara forcing over near the posts. The first half drew to a conclusion with an exchange of tries, the Barry score being credited to hooker Evans.

Barry rang the changes during the second session but their cohesion was undiminished. They were soon further ahead via a try by Poole to which

Cardiff responded with one of their own. Their conversion was of the "in-off the post" variety.

Ten minutes in Luke O'Sullivan got onto the score sheet with a fine long-range try. Barry continued playing positive rugby with flair and pace in attack and solidity and concentration in defence.

Cardiff could not match these facets of play and were undone at regular intervals. Tries now came regularly the Barry scorers being Provis, Lee and Dix.

Despite being a non-league fixture, all the Barry players should be pleased with such a promising performance.

Of particular note was the contribution made by the newcomers. There was a good blend of youth and experience that will serve them well in the forthcoming season.

Team: Rhys O'Sullivan, Alun Evans, Hollister, Deguara, Scott, (who also featured against Cardiff) Lee Jones, Hadfield, L.O'Sullivan, Thorne, Hewitson, Alex Evans, Ryan Gooderham, Rhys Gooderham, J.Williams, Ryan. Replacements: D.Williams, Provis, Lee, Taylor, Vidal, Poole, Dix, Hunt, Lundt, Elsworth, Hywel Jones, Rolfe, Rendell, Poole.

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In Indus silver the riveted aluminium Defender 90 XS Station Wagon tested looks "like a sardine can", according to a work colleague – an unfair and unjustified remark, I say. I feel it's particularly striking, while also being hugely practical as its body will remain rust free for many years to come. It's quite incredible how the design has remained virtually unchanged since its introduction all those years ago.

This three-door vehicle has a very loyal following. In much the same way as motorhome drivers wave at each other so do, I am pleased to report, Land Rover Defender drivers, too.

It makes such a pleasant change to the aggressive competition that is prevalent on Britain's roads today.

Inside, you are transported to a bygone era – again few changes have been made over the last 64 years. It's really refreshing. I sat in the driver's seat for a good 10 minutes trying to figure out where to slot the ignition key.

It's on the left of the steering wheel and rather than finding it away from you, the driver has to turn it towards them.

Space between the front occupants and their doors is tight, too, meaning that resting arms on the door frame isn't particularly comfy.

There aren't any airbags either and the dash is given to practicality rather than design, but it's attractive in a Tonka toy sense of the word.

The passenger grab bar is certainly appreciated by my wife during our cross-country jaunt. Its windscreen wipers remind me of an old Mini or a classic car of that era, quite small and slow.

These could be improved for serious offroaders, I feel, who need wipers more capable of removing mud from the screen, but if there haven't been any

complaints over the decades, then who am I to question?

Modern Land Rovers get carpets and leather-trimmed seats. The test model is even fitted with air con, electric windows and a CD player.

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Driving a Land Rover is an entirely unique experience. Thankfully, there is power steering these days but the handbrake is awkwardly placed at the side of the driver's left leg, requiring them to lean forward to operate it, quite a chore when performing a hill start.

The 2.2-litre diesel unit is vocal and the stereo has to be turned up to drown it out. Apparently, the lower first gear provides a low crawl speed, making towing on-road and off-road easier. When making a gear change on the six-speed manual box there is a very distinctive sound as the gears slot into place. Generally, gear changes are stiff rather than smooth.

Bear in mind that the previous week I was testing a top-of-the-range Range Rover Autobiography where everything was electrically operated and adjusted.

Driving the much more basic Land Rover is an absolute contrast, as you will see at testdrives.biz. But in many ways it is a more enjoyable driving experience as there are fewer bells and whistles.

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It's interesting to note that the Defender's fascia is based on a single, large moulding supported on a robust steel rail to help eliminate squeaks and rat-



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Weather ends season on a low for Sully

THE 2012 league season ended on a typical note for Sully Centurions, with all but one of the four teams having their games cancelled due to the wet weather.

The only team to play were the Second XI, who went down to a five-wicket defeat at Bridgend.

Sully batted first in a match reduced to 39 overs each and were soon in trouble, with openers Matthew Thomas and Ben Callow back in the pavilion with only 12 runs on the board.

On a wet day the conditions favoured the bowlers and Centurions found it hard to gain any momentum, with wickets falling with some regularity. Oz Bennett (31) and Tom Edwards (13) shared a stand of 40 to push the score along, but when both were out within a few balls of each other, the run rate slowed down again and Centurions eventually finished on 102 for 8.

In reply, Bridgend didn't have it all their own way, losing five wickets in the run chase, but the target was reached in the 35th over and they ran out deserved winners.

So the 2012 league season finished with a respectable mid table position for Centurions, who will take some comfort in the knowledge that several young players have emerged as real prospects.

Result: Bridgend 107/5 - Sully 102/8.

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Good summer for chess club

THE Barry Chess Club has just completed its summer programme, winning all three tournaments it entered.

As a member of The East Glamorgan Chess Association, the club entered the summer league open section, graded under 1700 section and also the summer knock out cup.

In the open section of the summer league, we knew that to retain the title all that was required going into the final round of games was a win. This was achieved with a score of 3-1.

The under 1700 section was not so clear cut. Going into the final round of games, Barry was in second place, a point behind Bridgend but also with a tougher

match to play.

We beat Penarth 3-1 but expected Bridgend to beat Pontypridd. In a surprise result Pontypridd surpassed expectations winning the game 2.5 - 1.5, resulting in the title going to Barry by the narrowest of possible margins.

The summer knock-out cup final took place in Cardiff on August 22. In a closely-fought match, Barry won on boards 2 and 4 and drew on boards 1 and 3 to win by 3-1.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY, with matches starting at 7:30pm.

New players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

PJ

Brynhill's major finals day



Bob Gapper, captain, Gregg Mills and caddies.



Nick Breen, Derek Coombes, Odi Nicolau and caddies.



A somewhat unusual club championship finals day took place at Brynhill Golf Club on Saturday, August 18.

What was unusual was that the actual club championship final did not take place, due to an injury to Jamie Griffiths.

The match between Jamie and Scott Bowman will now take place at a later date.

However the following finals did take place. The Ernest Williams Cup, between Steve Collins and Dave Such,

saw Dave come out on top, while the George Williams Cup between Bob Gapper and Gregg Mills saw Greg come out on top.

The Howell Hughes (Midway) between new member Tom Ramasut and David Hayman saw David emerge victorious, while the Chief Buck Rabbit, between Nick Breen and Odi Nicolau, was won by Odi.

Congratulations to all those who reached the club finals.

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Steve Collins, referee John Giles, Dave Such and caddies.



Tom Ramasut, the vice captain, David Hayman and caddies.

SENIORS' OPEN DAY



Seniors captain Keith Atkinson with vice-captain Derek Coombes

SENIORS captain Keith Atkinson and his committee welcomed more than 100 players to the Brynhill Golf Club Seniors Open on Monday, August 20.

The day started off somewhat overcast and sultry but soon blossomed into a glorious sunny summer day, which was welcomed by all the players.

There were some very respectable scores recorded and at the evening presentation in the clubhouse, Mr. Atkinson thanked his committee for their tremendous efforts for arranging the event.

He also thanked and praised the course manager Iain Grant and all his staff for presenting the course in such a magnificent condition.

In the 55-68 category, the winner was Chris White (Brynhill); second was Andy Dick (Brynhill), and third Nigel Stephenson (Brynhill).

In the 69+ category, the winner was J. Griffiths (Pontypridd); second was L. Rand (Pontypridd); and third was B Job (Pontypridd).

The winner of the Dennis Haydon Trophy was Chris White.

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Rugby club's celebrations in full swing

BARRY RFC is holding a dinner to celebrate its 125th anniversary at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 13.

Guest speakers for the evening include Wales and British Lions legend Gerald Davies, Rick O'Shea from BBC's Scrum V and, subject to his commitments, Wales national coach, Warren Gatland will also join us.

Tickets, which are now available priced £30, will be sold in tables of ten, and can be ordered either by email, andyjam68@yahoo.co.uk, including your address, or by calling 01446 411737.

Individual ticket applications will be accepted, with seat allocation at the discretion of the organisers, although every effort will be made to fulfill your wishes.

The event is not men only, ladies are most welcome; however we must stress that this is a dinner and no other form of entertainment will be provided.

This Saturday sees

Barry begin their anniversary season with the opening league fixture away against Taffs Well, who ironically are also celebrating the same anniversary as us.

The club have enjoyed two good performances pre-season with games against Cardiff RFC and last week against Cardiff & District, where they gained a well-earned victory playing some attractive rugby.

Last week's game gave the coaching team the chance to have a look at as many players as possible, including welcome new recruits.

From what we saw, there would appear to be some competition for places, which can only help raise the general standard of the side and is healthy.

A coach will leave the club for Taffs Well at 12.30pm

Finally, lets hope that all teams and players throughout the club have a good, injury free season, not forgetting to enjoy yourselves - we wish you well.

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